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Mayor Ted Wheeler and Chief Danielle Outlaw

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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Chief Outlaw,

Since March the Subcommittee for People with Mental Illness has been meeting with community members and experts in the emergency response system in Portland. The Subcommittee met with family members of people who died from Portland police officer lethal action. We heard how they were treated by Portland police officers immediately following their loss.

One family we spoke with expressed they would have appreciated a sincere acknowledgement of their grief - which is a reasonable request. Sincere condolences may benefit a grieving process, and will help build better relations between law enforcement and the community.

The Subcommittee for People with Mental Illness recommends the Portland Police Bureau create a policy for communicating with grieving family members after any lethal incident and for the Chief or Police Commissioner to extend sincere condolences. Please see the attached complete recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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